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1. LONDON OBSERVER OCTOBER 19 CARRIES FOUR COLUMN STORY BY COLIN LEGUM HEADLINED "SECRET TALKS IN LONDON TO HALT NUCLEAR SPREAD". THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE WORLD'S SEVEN LEADING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS HAVE HELD SIX MEETINGS IN LONDON SINCE THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON WAYS OF PREVENTING NUCLEAR EXPORTS OF PEACEFUL NATURE BEING CONVERTED INTO PLANTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ARTICLE IDENTIFIES UK, USSR, U.S., FRANCE, CANADA, FRG AND JAPAN AS GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. NEXT MEETING, ARTICLE SAYS, IS DUE TO BE HELD IN LONDON IN "THE NEXT FEW WEEKS".

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2. LEGUM GIVES LONG QUOTES FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S SEPTEMBER 23 SPEECH IN NEW YORK. HE THEN SAYS THAT CALLAGHAN "PUT FORWARD A PROGRAM FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION BY THE UN. STRIPPED OF THEIR DELIBERATE POLITICAL PERSIFLAGE, HIS PROPOSALS CLOSELY REFLECT THE CURRENT STAGE OF THINKING IN THE SECRET NEGOTIATIONS. THEY COME DOWN TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS:

"1. PURCHASERS OF NUCLEAR REACTORS, ENRICHMENT PROCESSES AND FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS WILL UNDERTAKE NOT TO DIVERT NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM CIVIL PURPOSES TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"2. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY WILL AFFIRM BY AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS COVERING ALL CIVIL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

"3. THE IAEA SHOULD BE INVITED TO UNDERTAKE THE EARLY PREPARATION OF A NEW SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD COVER ALL CIVIL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

"4. THE NEW SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT SHOULD PLACE FAR GREATER EMPHASIS ON INSPECTION OF ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PLANTS."

3. COMMENT. IN A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN EDMONDS OF FCO OCTOBER 16, HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S FIVE POINTS WERE CAUSING CONFUSION. ACTUAL TEXT OF THE SPEECH HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY STAFF AIDES WHO WERE NOT EXPERTS IN THE SUBSTANCE SO THAT TEXT WAS NOT CORRECT STATEMENT OF HMG VIEWS. HE THEN GAVE US A TEXT OF FOUR POINTS WHICH HE SAID WERE A RE-WORK OF CALLAGHAN'S FIVE POINTS AND WHICH WOULD IN FUTURE BE AUTHORITATIVE. THAT TEXT WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO FOUR POINTS IN PARA TWO. WE SUSPECT THAT "STRIPPED OF THEIR DELIBERATE POLITICAL PERSIFLAGE, HIS PROPOSALS . . ." IN LEGUM ARTICLE IS FCO WAY OF EXPLAINING NEW TEXT TO REPORTERS. IN ANY CASE, IT IS CLEAR THE FCO BRIEFED LEGUM ON UN ASPECTS; MENTION OF SEVEN COUNTRIES AND ALMOST ACCURATE DETAILS ON NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS MEETINGS LEAVES IMPLICATION THAT THIS INFORMATION ALSO PROVIDED BY BRITISH SOURCES. END COMMENT.

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